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Gender Commission Holds Three Meetings in 1995

The Gender Commission, in collaboration with the IGU Commission on Population held a successful symposium on Migration and Gender in Pretoria, South Africa April 9-13 followed by a field trip in the Eastern Transvaal and Kruger National Park. A report on the symposium by Damaris Rose is given below.

At the upcoming IGU Regional Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Countries in Havana, Cuba, the Commission is organizing sessions in cooperation with the Commission on Health, Environment and Development and the Study Group on Development Issues in Marginal Regions. The meeting will be held July 31 - August 5. Two sessions have been allocated on August 4. A number of papers have been submitted but the final program is not yet available. Commission corresponding member **Sonia Alves Calio** of Sao Paulo, Brazil, has been awarded an IGU younger scholars travel grant to participate in the conference. The local contact person for arrangements is Dr. Blanca Morejon. Registration and other conference details are available from the conference General Secretary, Dr. J. R. Hernandez Santana or Ms. Zosima Lopez Ruiz, PCO International

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Communication with Cuba may be difficult. Potential U.S. participants should be aware that permission from the US Treasury is necessary to visit Cuba. **Janice Monk**, SIROW, 102 Douglass, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 has information on the necessary procedures for US permission. **Janet Momsen**, Department of Applied Life Sciences, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616 is monitoring the program.

From December 11-15, 1995, the Gender Commission will sponsor a Workshop on Gender and Environment at the University of Ghana. The workshop is being partially supported by a grant from the International Geographical Union. Additional support may be forthcoming from other sources. Registration information is available from Dr. Elizabeth Ardayfio Schandorf, Department of Geography, University of Ghana, Legon Ghana, FAX 233-21-777026.

International Symposium on "Migration and Gender", University of Pretoria, 0002 Pretoria, South Africa, 9-13 April 1995.

Organized very competently by Profs. Joan Fairhurst and Philip Hattingh, this event brought together about 50 geographers from five continents. We were given an extremely warm welcome by the Geography Department of the University of Pretoria and by support staff. The event generated great interest with 82 people submitting abstracts; the organizers have collated these into a volume which may prove very useful for "networking" purposes. However, the friction of distance proved an insurmountable obstacle for all but 33 of these hopefuls.

Participants were exposed to a challenging range of theoretical and methodological approaches to the gendering of migration processes at various spatial scales and to the gendered nature of outcomes of these processes in places of origin and destination. Empirically, topics ranged from the recruitment of young rural women to new industrial districts in Malaysia, through analyses of circular migration patterns between Puerto Rico and the USA across women's life courses to explorations of how women cope with the ravages brought to bear on rural life by male migration to cities. The rich array of papers presented by Southern African geographers underscored the pertinence of holding a conference on gender and migration in a region where institutionalized systems of internal labour migration, and diverse forms of resistance to these systems, have been imbricated in the shaping of economy, polity and culture to a greater extent than almost anywhere else in the world. A common concern in some sessions was the tension between the

liberating effects of migration processes (their own or their husband's) that increase women's personal autonomy and the impoverishment that tends to result when such migrations lead to *de facto* single parenthood. It was disappointing that several participants appeared not to have noticed the conjunction in the symposium title: there were papers on gender issues that did not mention migration and others on migration in which women were wholly absent or where tables of fertility statistics substituted for discussions of gender issues.

Paper sessions were interspersed with a diversity of activities designed to put international participants in touch with the local context. Two dynamic plenary presentations by young African women recently appointed to fairly senior government positions expressed appealing blends of enthusiasm and scepticism about putting into practice the ANC's commitment to a non-sexist *as well as* a non-racist society. Also important were an eye-opening field trip to Pretoria's "rural-urban fringe" and two cultural evenings of dance, poetry and satirical theatre by troupes from a neighbouring African township. Less than a year after South Africa's first democratic elections, the experience of hearing one of these troupes' impromptu rendition of *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*, in the heart of a university which has for decades been a pillar of the white Afrikaans-speaking establishment, will doubtless be among the enduring and endearing memories of this symposium for many of the participants.

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Recent Books

Lourdes Arizpe, M. Priscilla Stone, and David C. Major (1994) **Population and Environment: Rethinking the Debate**, Boulder CO: Westview Press.

Amrita Basu (1995) **The Global Challenge of Local Feminisms**, Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Maggie Black (1994) **In The Twilight Zone: Child Workers in the Hotel, Tourism and Catering Industry**, Geneva: International Labour Office.

Charlotte Bunch and Niamh Reilly (1994) **Demanding Accountability: The Global Campaign and Tribunal for Women's Human Rights**, New Brunswick, NJ: Center for Women's Global Leadership.

Dinah Dodds and Pam Allen-Thompson (eds) **The Wall in My Backyard: East German Women in Transition**, Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press.

Timothy Fast and Cathy Carroll Fast (1995) **Women's Atlas of the United States**, New York: Facts on File.

Maria Dolores García-Ramon, Josefina Cruz Villalon, Isabel Salamaña Serra and Montserrat Villarino Perez (1995) **Mujer y Agricultura en Espana: Genero, Trabajo y Contexto Regional**, Barcelona: Oikos-Tau

Lori L. Heise with Jacqueline Pitanguy and Adrienne Germain (1994) **Violence Against Women: The Hidden Health Burden** Washington DC: World Bank Discussion Papers No. 255.

Noeleen Heyzer, Geertje Lycklama a Nijeholt and Nedra Weerakoon (eds) (1995) **The Trade in Domestic Workers**, London: Zed Books.

Naila Kaber (1994) **Reversed Realities: Gender Hierarchies in Development Thought** London: Verso.

Peter Meusbürger and A. Klinger (eds) (1995) **Vom Plan zum Markt: Eine Untersuchung am Beispiel Ungarns (From Plan to Market: The Transformation Process in Hungary)**, Heidelberg: Physica Verlag. (See below for chapters dealing with women)

Vandana Shiva (ed.) (1994) **Close to Home: Women Reconnect Ecology, Health and Development Worldwide**, New Society Publishers.

Pamela Sparr (ed.) (1994) **Mortgaging Women's Lives: Feminist Critiques of Structural Adjustment**, London: Zed Books.

Sophie Watson and Katherine Gibson (1994) **Postmodern Cities and Spaces**, Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Anoja Wickramasinghe (1994) **Deforestation, Women and Forestry**, Amsterdam: International Books.

Recent Book Chapters and Articles

Elisabeth Baschlin and Verena Meier (1995) "Feministische Geographie - Spuren einer Bewegung" **Geographische Rundschau** 47 (4) 248-51.

David Bell (1995) "Pleasure and danger: The Paradoxical Spaces of Sexual Citizenship," **Political Geography** 14 (2), 139-.

Myrna Margulies Breitbart and Ellen -J. Pader (1995) "Establishing Ground: Representing Gender and Race in a Mixed Housing Development," **Gender, Place and Culture** 2(1), 5- 20.

Erica Burman (1995) "The Abnormal Distribution of Development: Policies for Southern Women and Children," **Gender, Place and Culture** 2(1) 21-36.

Ronald Camstra (1994) "The Geodemography of Gender: Spatial Behaviour of Working Women" **Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie** 85(5), 434-.

Kim England (1994) "From Social Justice and the City to Woman-Friendly Cities?: Feminist Theory and Politics," **Urban Geography**, 15(7), 628-.

J.K. Gibson-Graham (1995) "Beyond Patriarchy and Capitalism: Reflections of Political Subjectivity" in Barbara Caine and Rosemary Pringle (eds) **Transitions: New Australian Feminisms** New York: St. Martin's Press.

Eva den Hartog-Niemann (1995) "Der Frauenarbeitsmarkt als Geographisches Forschungsfeld," **Geographische Rundschau** 47(4) 246-48.

Maureen Hays-Mitchell (1994) "Street Vending in Peruvian Cities: The Spatio-Temporal Behavior of Ambulantes," **The Professional Geographer** 46(4) 425-.

Hiltrud Herbers (1995) Ernährungssicherung in Nord-Pakistan: der Beitrag der Frauen" **Geographische Rundschau** 47(4) 234-39.

Larry Knopp (1994) "Social Justice, Sexuality and the City," **Urban Geography**, 15(7), 644-.

Eleonore Kofman (1995) "Citizenship for Some but not for Other: Spaces of Citizenship in Contemporary Europe," **Political Geography** 14 (2) 121-.

Frauke Kraas and Hiltrud Hilbers (1995) "Frauenbezogene Forschung in der Geographie" **Geographische Rundschau** 47(4) 212-13.

Frauke Kraas and U. Sailer-Fliege (1995) Alleinerziehende in Deutschland **Geographische Rundschau** 47(4) 222-26.

Glenda Laws (1994) "Aging, Contested Meanings, and the Built Environment," **Environment and Planning A** 26(11) 1787-.

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Robin Longhurst (1994) "The Geography Closest In-The Body--The Politics of Pregnability" **Australian Geographer** 32(2) 214-.

Clare Madge (1994) "Gendering Space: A First Year Geography Field Work Exercise" **Geography** 79 No. 345, 330-38.

---(1994) "Collected Food and Domestic Knowledge in the Gambia, West Africa," **Geographical Journal** 160 (3) 280-94.

Sallie Marston (1995) "The Private Goes Public: Citizenship and the New Spaces of Civil Society" **Political Geography** 14 (2) 194-98.

Linda McDowell (1994) "Polyphony and Pedagogic Authority" **Area** 26 (3), 241-.

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Linda McDowell and Gill Court (1994) "Performing Work: Bodily Representations in Merchant Banks," **Environment and Planning D: Society and Space** 12(6), 727-.

Janice Monk with Janet Momsen (1995) "Geschlechterforschung und Geographie in einer sich verändernden Welt" **Geographische Rundschau** 47(4) 214-21.

Ann M. Oberhauser (1995) Gender and Household Economic Strategies in Rural Appalachia," **Gender, Place and Culture** 2(1) 51-70.

Carmella. Pfaffenbach (1995) "...und die Frauen bleiben zu Hause" **Geographische Rundschau** 47 (4) 240-44.

Yoga Rasanaygam (1995) "Women as Users, Victims, and Managers of Environment: A Case Study of Women in Selected Handicrafts in Matara District, Sri Lanka" in **Facing Odds: Women in the Labour Market**, Sri Lanka: CENWOR.

---- (1995) Development and Empowerment of Women--Some Reflections" **Economic Review** 20(12), March.

Suzanne Reimer (1994) "Flexibility and the Gender Division of Labour: the Restructuring of Public Sector Employment in British Columbia" **Area** 26(4), 351-.

Gillian Rose (1995) "Engendering and Degendering" **Progress in Human Geography** 18(4), 507-15.

David Sibley (1995) "Gender, Science, Politics, and Geographies of the City," **Gender, Place and Culture** 2(1) 37-49.

Shelagh J. Squire (1995) "In the Steps of 'Genteel Ladies': Women Tourists in the Canadian Rockies, 1885-1939" **The Canadian Geographer** 39(1) 2-.

Inge Struder (1995) Bedingungen der Alltagshandels alleinstehender Frauen ab 60 Jahre," **Geographische Rundschau** 47 (4) 228-33.

James Tyner (1994) "The Social Construction of gendered Migration from the Philippines," **Asian and Pacific Migration Journal** 3(4) 589-617.

Gill Valentine (1995) "Out and About: Geographies of Lesbian Landscapes" **International Journal of Urban and Regional Research** 19(1) 96-.

New journal seeks papers

International Planning Studies is a new journal to be published by Carfax for the University of Wales Department of City and Regional Planning. The first issue will appear in January, 1996. The main focus will be on

comparative planning research. Information is available from Dee Gilmore, Editorial Manager, The International Centre for Planning Research, Department of City and Regional Planning UWCC PO Box 906 Cardiff, CF1 3YN Wales. Email: stodmg@cardiff.ac.uk

Gender Commission Working Papers

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography publishes Working Papers to foster rapid dissemination of research, especially by geographers from countries where international circulation of work is not readily accomplished. Newly released papers include:

No. 30 "Gender and Agricultural Innovation in Northern Nigeria," by Julie Ajakpo

No. 31 "The Deployment of Filipina Performing Artists: Policy and Praxis," by James Tyner.

No. 32 " Informal Economy, Gender and Flexibility of the Labour Market: Industrial Homeworking in Rural Spain," by Mireia Baylina and Maria-Dolors Garcia-Ramon

To order papers, send \$US5 per copy to Janice Monk, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ 85721, payable to Women's Studies, University of Arizona.

Recent Meetings

The Women and Geography Study Group of the Institute of British Geographers organized two sessions at the annual meeting of the IBG in January. The first, "Sexuality and Power" included six papers, three on "femininities, feminism and resistance" and three on "masculinities, sexuality and representation." The second was devoted to papers by "Young Research Workers in Gender." Five presentations highlighted issues of identity and representation with a final paper devoted to questions of providing services for rape victims. A number of gender-focused papers were included in other sessions. The group also organized a reading weekend in March on the theme of women and the environment.

Building Identities: Gender Perspectives on Children and Urban Space, an international conference held at the University of Amsterdam, April 11-13, 1995 attracted more than one hundred papers. They were organized into eight themes: gendered use of space and time; gendered space-public and private domains; children on the move; neighborhood-a place where children grow up; the school environment; street children's society; urban planning and children's participation; and designing a challenging environment for children. The conference was organized by the Gender Studies Department of the Royal Dutch Geographical Society with **Lia Karsten** serving as president of the conference organizing committee. Such strong interdisciplinary interest in the conference indicates that attention to gender and childhood is an important developing area of research.

The December, 1994 Geographinnentreffen in Bonn focused on population geography and population policy. More than 30 feminist geographers participated in the meeting which included an improvised theatrical on paradigm changes in natural science since Aristotle, as well as more formal discussions on the population theme. The May 19-21, 1995 meeting in Osnabruck addressed several themes including issues for women physical geographers, women and migration, lesbian geography, and geographic education.

The 1994 meeting of the Institute of Australian Geographers included papers on gender themes by **Margo Huxley**, **Mariastella Pulvirenti**, **Lauren Costello**, and **Kathy Gibson** stemming from research carried out by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Unit. The research is examining noneconomic processes in households and localities which affect the working out of global processes of restructuring at the local level.

Forthcoming Meetings

Praxis/Nexus, an interdisciplinary conference designed to examine relationships between activists and scholars will be held at the University of Victoria, BC, Canada 18-20 January, 1996. It will especially address methodological issues. Vandana Shiva and Maria Mies will be the keynote speakers. One page proposals for presentations are due with **Pamela Moss**, Department of Geography, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC V8N 3W5 (moss@uvvm.uvic.ca) by 25 August, 1995.

The New Zealand Geographical Society Conference to be held in Canterbury, 27-31 August, 1995 aims to feature sessions on such themes as gender and geographic education; gender and development, feminist methodologies, sexuality and space, gender and labour studies; and feminist theory. Further information is available from Robyn Longhurst or Robin Peace, Department of Geography, University of Waikato, PB 3105 Hamilton NZ fax 64-7-856-2518; email longhurst@waikato.ac.nz or peace@waikato.ac.nz

German speaking feminist geographers will meet at a weekend conference in Les Emibois (Switzerland) June 16-18, 1995. The conference theme is "Concepts of Power." On Saturday morning there will be a plenary session with contributions from Lisa Ringendinger (economics), Andrea Scheller (geography), and Helen Zweifel (ethnology) followed by multiple workshops in the afternoon. Sunday will include discussions about empowering women in geography. One item on the agenda is the more formal organization of the Arbeitskreis Feministische Geographie to find recognition among the established geographical associations. There will also be social events including a women's disco and walking in the Jura. For information contact **Verena Meier**, Geographisches Institut, Klingenbergstr. 16, 4056 Basel, Switzerland email: meierve@ubaclo.unibas.ch

Gender and Geography Study Group of the Institute of Australian Geographers will hold a session on the theme Feminist/Gendered Methodology at the annual conference in Newcastle, NSW, 24-27 September, 1995. In addition, **Robyn Dowling** and **Kathy Mee** are organizing a session on suburban spaces.

News From Around the World

Congratulations to **Verena Meier** who completed her habilitation at the University of Basel in November, 1994 on Frische Blumen aus Kolumbien: Frauenarbeit für den Weltmarkt (Fresh Flowers from Columbia: Women's Work for the World Market).

A new MA degree in International Cultural Change is being offered at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (UK) focusing on the interconnections between culture, gender and "race". **Nina Laurie** is serving as course director. For information contact her at the Department of Geography, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU; fax: 44-191-222-5421; email nina.laurie@newcastle.ac.uk

Following the IGU Symposium on Gender and Migration **Janet Momsen** (US) visited an array of South African universities to meet with students and faculty and stimulate interest in gender research and teaching. Her visits were coordinated by **Joan Fairhurst**, University of Pretoria. We also wish to extend congratulations to Joan who has recently been elected Vice-president of the Society of South African Geographers, the newly formed national organization.

Nina Berweger reports that a workgroup on gender and geography has been formed at the University of Bonn, Germany. Nina is working on research on urban planning and crime prevention in relation to women using data from the Netherlands and Germany.

Karen Nairn (New Zealand) travelled in the United States in January to develop contacts with feminist geographers and with

geographic educators. Karen recently completed her masters degree at the University of Canterbury on gendered behavior in the secondary school geography classroom. She is now pursuing a doctorate at the University of Waikato on gender in field teaching.

Ruth Fincher has been promoted to Associate Professor and Reader at the University of Melbourne. She is also serving as Director of the Australian Studies Center.

Australian feminist geographers currently travelling include **Kathy Gibson** (Monash) at Carleton University, Ottawa; and **Jane Jacobs** who has been at the University of British Columbia and is now at the University of London.

Three dissertations with gender themes have recently been completed in the Department of Geography, University of Trondheim, Norway by **Ragnild Lund** "Gender and Place (Vol. I, theory, Vol. II, case studies on Sri Lanka and Malaysia), by **Brett Dale** (Service and Social Change) and **Dina Berg** (Service Location and Entrepreneurship). The Department has also held a seminar in March 1995 "Time and Space for Feminist Geographu?" with speakers from all around the Scandinavian countries.

Felicitas Hillmann (Germany) recently finished her Ph.d. on the situation of Filipina, Somalian, and Peruvian women migrants in Milan. A chapter of the forthcoming book EthniCity edited by **Curtis Roseman** and **Gunther Thieme** will report her research, and her thesis will also be published in German. She is currently studying focused mobility of "highly qualified" (especially gender dimensions of mobility) and the

transformation process in eastern Europe while working for the WZB, Social Science Research Center, in Berlin.

Maria Dolors García-Ramon, Maria Prats, and Janice Monk will give presentations at the summer course organized at Menendez-Pelayo University in Santander, Spain around the theme "Gender, Space, and Time". The program is being supported by the Instituto de la Mujer, Madrid.

Four of the 14 chapters in the volume **Vom Plan zum Markt** (see "Books") co-edited by **Peter Meusburger** deal with the situation of women in Hungary during the socialist period and the transformation to the market economy. Using newly available sources of data, the studies reveal that women were extremely underrepresented in positions of power during the socialist period. Demographic processes also receive attention, including changes in divorce rates, health indicators, as do women's employment both during the socialist period and since. The results indicate that the transition has not been as negative for women as had been anticipated.

Eight honors theses on geography and gender were completed in Australian universities in 1994 on themes ranging from migrant women to resource management, homelessness, and aspects of sexuality.

Tovi Fenster at the University of Tel Aviv, Israel, is teaching new gender and geography courses for undergraduate and graduate students.

Feminist geographers in Melbourne are nearing completion of a major project on social polarisation in cities including both

theoretical and empirical components. Participants are **Jane Jacobs, Natalie Jamieson, Kathy Gibson, Mariastella Pulvirenti, Ruth Fincher, Margo Huxley, Louise Johnson, Jenny Cameron** and **Lauren Costello**.

Rosa Ascon and **Mireia Baylina** of the Autonomout University of Barcelona are conducting workshops for school teachers to assist them with introducing gender into primary and secondary classes. Their efforts are supported by the Department of Instruction of the Generalitat of Catalonia.

In Memorium

The last year has seen the passing of distinguished women geographers who made careers in the profession at a time when opportunities for women to establish research reputations were much more difficult than today. We honor the lives and work of **Eila Campbell** (Birkbeck College, University of London); **Marjorie Sweeting** (Oxford University); **Henriette Verduin-Muller** (University of Utrecht); and **Helen Wallace** (British Library).